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TUCSON MAN CONVICTED OF ROBBING BANK WITH HAND GRENADE

TUCSON, ARIZONA –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on November 20, 2003, Jeffery Charles Hoagland, (D.O.B. 3/20/63) of Tucson, Arizona, was convicted by a federal jury of bank robbery and carrying an explosive device during a crime of violence. On April 17, 2001, the defendant entered the Wells Fargo Bank located at 5535 E. 22nd Street in Tucson. He was wearing a shoulder length curly black wig to disguise his appearance. He walked up to a teller station and threatened the teller by displaying a metallic green hand grenade. The teller gave the defendant cash from her drawer and the defendant fled the area.

On May 24, 2001, the defendant was stopped driving a stolen car in Pecos County, Texas. The car was impounded. When it was returned to Tucson, the owner of the vehicle noticed a black curly wig in the trunk. The Tucson Police Department was notified. Officers from the police department prepared a six person photographic lineup that contained the defendant's picture and showed it to the bank teller. The bank teller then identified the defendant as the bank robber.

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The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable David C. Bury on February 5, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. He is facing a statutory maximum of 27 years in prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tucson Police Department and the F.B.I. The prosecution was handled by Sean C. Chapman, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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